

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BILL TASH**, on January 10, 2003 at 3:55 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Bill Tash, Chairman (R)
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Sherm Anderson (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Bea McCarthy (D)
Sen. Dan McGee (R)
Sen. Gary L. Perry (R)
Sen. Glenn Roush (D)
Sen. Debbie Shea (D)
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Shirley Herrin, Committee Secretary
Krista Lee Evans, Legislative Branch

Please Note: Video-taped Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 5, 12/17/2002; SB 14,
12/17/2002; SB 69, 12/17/2002
Executive Action: SB 14, SB 5, SB 69

HEARING ON SB 14

Sponsor: SENATOR BEA MC CARTHY, SD 29, Anaconda

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SENATOR BEA MC CARTHY opened on SB 14 - "Extend suspension of adjudication during negotiation of reserved water rights".

Proponents' Testimony:

3:57pm Chris Tweeten, Chief Civil Counsel, Dept of Justice
4:04pm Susan Cottingham, MT Reserved Water Rights Compact
Commission **EXHIBIT (nas05a01)**
4:09pm Rick Smith, Polson
4:10pm Ron Trahan, Council Representative, Confederated Salish
and Kootenai Tribe read testimony
4:11pm Randy Ingram, Mayor of Polson
4:12pm Mike Murphy, MT Water Resources Association
4:13pm REP. JOHN BRUEGGEMAN, HD 74, Polson

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

4:14pm SEN. LAIBLE for Chris Tweeten
4:16pm SEN. LAIBLE
4:17pm CHAIRMAN TASH turned the committee over to VICE
CHAIRMAN AUBYN CURTISS as he had to present a bill in
another committee.

Closing by Sponsor:

4:18pm SEN. MC CARTHY closed.

HEARING ON SB 69

Sponsor: SEN. LINDA NELSON, SD 49, Medicine Lake

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. NELSON opened on SB 69 -
"Revise legislative membership on drinking water revolving fund
advisory council".

Proponents' Testimony:

4:21pm Todd Teegarden, Dept. of Environmental Quality

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

4:25pm **SEN. NELSON** closed.

4:26pm The committee stood at recess.

4:40pm **SENATOR TASH** rejoined the committee to present SB 5.

HEARING ON SB 5

Sponsor: **SENATOR BILL TASH, SD 17, Dillon**

Opening Statement by Sponsor: **SEN. TASH** opened on SB 5 -
"Increase bond issuance authority for renewable resource grants
and loans".

Proponents' Testimony:

4:43pm Ray Beck, Dept. of Natural Resources, Conservation and
Resource Development Division

4:45pm Norris Richards, Choteau

4:49pm Sarah Carlson, MACD

4:50pm Mike Murphy, MT Water Resources Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

4:51pm **SEN. LAIBLE**

4:53pm **SEN. MC CARTHY**

4:54pm **SEN. TOOLE**

4:55pm **SEN. LAIBLE**

Closing by Sponsor:

4:56pm **SENATOR TASH** closed.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 14

Motion/Vote: **SEN. MCCARTHY** moved that **SB 14 DO PASS**. Motion
carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 5

Motion/Vote: **SEN. MCCARTHY** moved that **SB 5 DO PASS**. Motion
carried unanimously.

VICE CHAIRMAN CURTISS turned the gavel back to **CHAIRMAN TASH**.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 69

Motion/Vote: SEN. MCCARTHY moved that SB 69 DO PASS. Motion carried 11-1 with McGee voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:03 P.M.

SEN. BILL TASH, Chairman

SHIRLEY HERRIN, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (nas05aad)